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GERMANS STILL WIN

SERBIAN ARMY SEEMS DOOMED.

Monastir Seems About to Fall Before Advancing Hordes of Teutonic Allies. Entertainers are Threatened by Dangerous Outflanking.

London, Nov. 17.—The fate of the Serbian army may be only a matter of hours. Monastir, in southwest Serbia, is reported to be in such a perilous position that the consular officials have departed from the city. From the various conflicting reports which reached the public, the following apparently may be deduced as facts:

The Bulgarians have taken Kruzevo and are six miles west of Perlepe. Thus the southern Serbian army and its Franco-British allies are confronted with the imminent peril of an out-flanking movement.

Tetovo is in the hands of the Bulgarians. The fate of the Serbians holding Babuna pass is more obscure. One report states that the pass has been forced. It seems certain that the defenders are at least threatened so seriously that their position soon may be untenable.

With Kruzevo and Babuna in the hands of the invaders, the fate of Perlepe would be sealed and the road to Monastir opened.

While the military situation, be comes darker from the standpoint of the entente allies, the diplomatic phase of their near eastern venture is somewhat more favorable. Greece is giving some indication that she is seeking a solution of the problem which would be presented if entente troops should take refuge on Grecian territory.

It is clear that the entente powers are bringing considerable pressure to bear on Greece, not the least of which is England's detention in home ports of a fleet of Greek merchantmen.

Along the eastern front, interest centers on the attitude of the Austrians and Germans, claim an important success. Petrograd reports merely admit Austro-German occupation of the village of Podgacze.

From the conflicting reports, it appears that the east bank of the Stry is held by the Russians, while the battle for the crossings is still undecided.

Reports from the western front indicate that the military activities there are limited to rather general artillery exchanges.

Paris, Nov. 17.—"Our expedition in the Balkans is reaching a critical stage," telegraphs the correspondent of the Journal, at Saloniki, Greece, under date of Sunday. He adds:

"Notwithstanding appeals by competent personalities, our reinforcements are not anything like the number required. Our enemies have decided to nip in the bud at any cost, our offensive in the east and are prepared to resort to any means to obtain the necessary assistance."

"Serbian resistance is weakening daily. The defenders of Babuna pass will soon be surrounded and the road to Prelepe and Monastir will then be thrown wide open to the Bulgarians."

"The hosts of Austro-Germans hurrying southward are sending detachments ahead by forced marches on all available routes. 'Do not expect to find a second Belgium. Greece will not hesitate to permit passage by the enemy through her territory as she now permits ours. We must defend ourselves alone and unaided against the triple attack of the Germans, Bulgarians and Turks. The enemy's plan is being carried out and may be realized rapidly. The German fleet of submarines in the Mediterranean has just been quitted."

"I advance nothing whereof I am not absolutely sure. We must be prepared for any news, even the most unexpected and even that which seems the craziest. We must have reinforcements in large numbers at once, or re-embark while there is yet time."

Paris, Nov. 17.—A dispatch from Saloniki, Greece, filed yesterday to the Havas News agency, says:

"Reliable news indicates the Serbians are defending Babuna pass with only one thousand infantry. The Bulgarians, however, have not yet succeeded in dislodging them."

"The families of the consuls of the different powers and the Serbian authorities have arrived here (Saloniki) from Monastir, where great anxiety is being manifested again. It is said British reinforcements are about to start for Monastir."

Semi-official reports having a Serbian source, are that the Serbians are weakening on the Katachane front.

"CAPTAIN BOB OF THE NATIONAL GUARD."

A thrilling four-reel special feature, of the above title, will be presented by Company "B" on December 10th, entire proceeds except bare expenses to go to benefit of the Company.

This picture will be of special interest at this time when "preparedness" is one of the topics of the day. This picture will depict the strength of the National Guard, showing camp life, United States regulars in action, and the high officials of the army and navy, and woven through it all is a strong story of love and intrigue, making it interesting as well as instructive.

Ask for Carlsbad Bakery raisin bread at the groceries.

JUAN RODRIGUEZ IS NOW IN CUSTODY.

Slayer of Cartwright is Captured by the Son of his Victim, Who Does Not Shoot. Found in the Border Hills Only Six Miles From Roswell. Historical Man Hunt Ends Yesterday Evening About Four.

Details of the escape from Sheriff Young, of Chaves county, of Rodriguez, will be found on another page of the Current for this week. The following account of his capture is from yesterday's Roswell News:

The forty-eight hours search for the escaped prisoner, Juan Rodriguez, charged with the killing of Marion Cartwright, came to an end last evening about 5:30 o'clock, when the fugitive was discovered about five miles west of the city by L. W. Forsythe, who communicated the find to the sheriff's department.

Mr. Forsythe has a farm place west of the city, which is at present uninhabited, and he had gone out to the place to attend to some stock when he discovered Rodriguez on the premises, not far from his barn. Mr. Forsythe engaged the escaped Mexican in conversation, believing at first that the man was the criminal who had eluded the sheriff on Monday night. The Mexican can speak little English, but gave Mr. Forsythe indisputable signs that he was hungry. Mr. Forsythe invited the Mexican to the house to get something to eat, but for certain reasons which were sufficient for the fugitive, he did not avail himself of the proffered hospitality.

Believing that the Mexican was the man wanted, Mr. Forsythe galloped across his pasture to D. R. Britt's place to get access to phone communication with the city, and immediately advised the sheriff's office of the circumstances of having found the man with description which caused the sheriff to at once organize a party to go out and investigate.

In a very few minutes dozens of automobiles parties were formed who lost no time in reaching the place where the Mexican was last seen by Mr. Forsythe. A drag-net was formed by the citizens, and the Mexican was rounded up about a mile from where he had been seen by Mr. Forsythe. Jake Cartwright, son of Marion Cartwright, the aged man whom Rodriguez is charged with killing, was the first apparently to see the Mexican, in a crouched position beside the carcass of a cow. Mr. Cartwright covered the fugitive with his gun, and called to George Williams, who had arrived at the place about the time Mr. Cartwright did, to search the Mexican for concealed weapons. The search was made but no arms were found in his possession. The Mexican was then placed in a car and brought to the city and lodged in jail.

Several parties engaged the Mexican in conversation last night after he had been placed in jail, and the fugitive told the story of his escape and the incidents which followed, which, if credited, shows that the man had little knowledge of the city or direction which would enable him to successfully carry out his plans of escape. He said that on the night when he broke away from the sheriff and fled down East Fourth street, that he had continued down this thoroughfare to its termination at Garden avenue, where he fell from fright and exhaustion. That he must have laid there in the grass and weeds in a faint for some little time, hours he thinks, and on recovering his senses, had proceeded to the ball park, meaning, no doubt, the fair grounds west of the city, as Baumer park underwent a most thorough search Tuesday morning without revealing his whereabouts. That he next proceeded to the head of North Spring river and then on to the Forsythe place, where he was later apprehended.

The Mexican was chilled to the point of agony from his exposure, and loss of sleep and deprivation of food had rendered him a most forlorn object. He had picked up a hat somewhere and had attached a piece of "tarp" or ducking, which he used over his shoulders to ward off the cold and to cover his crouching positions which he assumed to elude the eyes of possible passers-by out on the prairie. When he was apprehended by Mr. Cartwright, he had burrowed down in an old neglected road and was using this piece of cloth to cover his form.

The trial of the Mexican will proceed without further delay, the process of choosing the jury being now under way. The special venire of jurors for the Rodriguez case was exhausted at noon, and another special was drawn for 2 o'clock. The indications were that the jury would no more than be completed today. Twenty-four special jurors were summoned to appear at 9:30 this morning. With the regular panel of twenty-four, another special of twenty-seven, and the third one of twenty-four, the total number summoned for this jury has been seventy-five, excluding the special venire ordered for this afternoon.

At noon, when the second special venire was exhausted, there were only eight jurors who had been finally accepted by both the state and the defense. There were three others who had not passed the peremptory challenge. Out of the special which was called this morning, only two were qualified and passed for cause. These were R. E. Levers and Walter A. Johnson. The defense challenged Johnson for cause, but the court did

not sustain the challenge. H. R. Smyrl was finally accepted by both sides this morning. This made eight jurors who had been finally accepted at noon. L. R. Faville and A. K. Blackwood, who have been with the jury since the Mexican escaped, were excused by the defense. This made seven challenges which the defense had used, leaving them five, and the state had used five, leaving them one.

The attorneys for the state asked practically the same questions as before the escape, but the defense had several new ones. They asked the prospective jurors if they had read the newspapers in the past two days, or had heard the case discussed on the street. They questioned the jurors closer as to their opinion, and asked them if the fact that the defendant had escaped would have any influence in their verdict.

John H. Perry and R. C. Campbell were among those drawn on the venire this morning who did not believe in capital punishment. Wallace King, R. B. Sleaze, C. C. Tannehill, J. L. Keel, George B. Jewett, Syl P. Johnson, George W. Wright, R. A. Chase, J. D. Herron, Jim Hall, and J. R. St. John all had opinions which they said they could not lay aside before the trial began.

C. M. Stains and Roscoe Pierce were excused from jury service because they were members of Battery A, but Judge McClure called attention to the fact that in the future he would require members of the national guard to present a certificate from their commanding officer that they had performed all the duties assigned to them since their enlistment, as the law requires. C. W. Greer and Ralph Vanderwork were excused by the court for special reasons.

MREA-SPARKS WEDDING.

Harry McRea and Miss Beulah Sparks were quietly married in Slaton, Texas, Tuesday afternoon. McRea is one of the express boys between here and Clovis and he met his bride in Slaton and brought her here with him, the couple arriving Wednesday afternoon. They are rooming with Mrs. N. T. Daugherty at present. The current joins a host of friends in congratulations and best wishes for a happy wedded life.

R. Q. Leatherman came in from the OK ranch yesterday bringing Mr. and Mrs. Ashbury Moore. Mrs. Moore is ill at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jake Kircher. Mrs. Moore has not been very well for some months, but her many friends are wishing for her a speedy recovery.

Dan Lucas and wife, also Woody Tullius and wife, came in from the ranch yesterday. The little daughter, Nettie, of Mr. and Mrs. Tullius, has been in town with her aunt, Mrs. John Lucas. She is in school here. Mrs. Dan Lucas came down to see her father, C. H. Slaughter.

COLD SNAP.

The reclamation office weather service reports the following as the lowest temperature for the dates mentioned:

Sunday, the 14th, the thermometer showed the coldest moment, 23 above; Monday 18 above, Tuesday 20 above; Wednesday, 18 above; Thursday 20 and this (Friday) morning, 29 above. Last week, Wednesday, the coldest was 42 which dropped to 39 on Thursday and 31 on Friday and 29 Saturday. This is one of the coldest snaps ever registered here at this time of the year.

THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION.

The war clouds of the world lower darkly and the future appears dim and uncertain in the eastern hemisphere. No one can foretell what the harvest of death may finally bring forth.

In the sunshine of our own State of New Mexico the future is illumined by our present prosperous conditions. In all lines of industry the past year has shown great advancement. In education and the things that make life better and of more worth, we have made remarkable progress. Our blessings have been manifold and our disadvantages largely imaginary of minds ill at ease, distorted by malice or warped by the prejudice of preconceived notions not in accord with the actual facts and conditions.

THEREFORE, I, William C. McDonald, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby designate, Thursday, November the Twenty-fifth, as Thanksgiving Day.

May our hearts bow in unison with our heads on the altar of a peaceful, happy state and nation, in praise and thankfulness to an all wise providence. May the spirit of good cheer pervade the homes of all and impress those blessed with plenty, that it is "better to give than to receive," so that the homes of the poor and unfortunate may be made glad by the kind thoughtfulness of their more prosperous brothers and sisters.

Done at the executive office this 12th day of November, 1915. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico.

WILLIAM C. McDONALD, Attested: ANTONIO LUCERO, Secretary of State.

WILD TURKEY DINNER.

J. L. Forke, wife and little son, Roy, returned Tuesday from a hunting trip in the Sacramento mountains. They brought with them a wild turkey which was served Wednesday for 12 o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Forke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Daugherty, with the good things that go with a turkey dinner.

Miss Norine Powell who was operated on today for appendicitis is doing well.

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EVERY PIECE SOLD UNDER
A STRICT GUARANTEE
SEE NORTH WINDOW

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NE WTIRIAL GRANTED IN THE FULLEN CASE.

—Wednesday's Roswell News.

Attorney W. W. Gatewood is in receipt of a message today from the clerk of the supreme court at Santa Fe, advising that judgment in Fullen vs. Fullen has been reversed and the cause remanded. This is a case in which L. O. Fullen was plaintiff and Dorothy B. Fullen was defendant, the parties to the suit seeking a division of the property and the custody of the minor children. Rosemary Virginia Fullen and William Bowman Fullen. The case came up for hearing before Judge J. T. McClure in August, 1912 and the custody of the two children was reposed in Dorothy B. Fullen, defendant, by a decree of the court, and certain real and personal property belonging to the estate was set aside for the future maintenance and education of the minor children, and Ralph M. Parsons was appointed trustee of all the property set apart by the decree for the use and benefit of the two children. The instructions of the clerk of the supreme court of course, means that the case will be given a new trial, date of which will be announced later. Attorney W. W. Gatewood represented Mrs. Fullen in the case.

G. C. Gage, of Clovis, has V. S. Unruh's run here as fireman at Pecos. Mr. Unruh will be engineer out of Clovis.

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A FORD IN THE FAMILY.

Dr. T. P. Andrews purchased a handsome Ford auto while in Gallup last week. The doctor is just learning to steer the boat. He decided to stop at the Jiggs ranch on his return trip, the brake failing to work he dashed through the fence, and into the living room where the family was seated by the fireside. No serious injury was done except that the shafts to the doc's buggy were broken. The Jiggs say that automobiles always did run in their family.—Gallup Independent.

MITCHINERS HERE THIS WEEK.

Mrs. T. O. Mitchiner arrived in Carlsbad Saturday night and is the guest of Mrs. E. Purdy. Captain Mitchiner came as far as Pecos, Texas, with her and continued the journey to Louisiana, where the family will make their home at Floyd. Tib and Sam are expected here this week and will pack and ship their household goods to Louisiana. The family have a host of friends here that are sorry to know of the change. The Current wishes them a safe journey and continued prosperity in their home state.

Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, of Lakewood, was a Carlsbad visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Robertson and her daughter, Miss Robertson, of Roswell were the guests of Hotel Bates Tuesday.

Dolph Lusk and wife were in from the ranch Wednesday.

TRIP THROUGH TEXAS

TRIP THROUGH TEXAS. Something About the Country From Stockton to the South and West.

As previously stated, the roads leading from Fort Stockton in all directions are exceptional, only recently a new road having been built through the Nations and Puritan ranches from a point about thirty miles south of Stockton on the Marathon road which itself is a model in highway building. The Marathon-Stockton road is especially noticeable in one feature which is the fact that more attention is paid to preventing the wash from the side hills striking the road than to the grading. If flood waters can be kept away from the road the track will not wash away and the road will be as passable after a storm as before. This was noticed very plainly the second night out during which a flood occurred with much hail some eighteen miles south of Stockton. It was with some fear of mire and mud that the little car was driven ahead that morning but as we progressed we found the road builders had provided for just such an occurrence for the draws were graded high enough to make a comparatively dry road and big ditches were cut above the traveled track so all flood water was prevented from striking the road. This road was built very simple and cheap but it showed the builders knew a thing or two. Following the Marathon road thirty miles at a sharp turn to the left where we were directed to go to Longfellow and thence to Sanderson we passed the Nations ranch to an auto road leading for sixteen miles in a direct course to the Puritan ranch, over all the country of which a heavy rain had fallen the night previous. However, the road had been built with so much skill that it was possible to travel at full speed for the entire distance and we had an opportunity to race with a bunch of eight antelope that determined to outrun the car—and did.

The Puritan ranch was reached about noon and from there the road though hilly, is good for the sixteen miles leading to the little station of Longfellow on the Southern Pacific eight miles west of which our destination was reached about three p. m. for a three day visit with D. J. Sweeten. Grass was good all along the portion of the country traveled and cattle were in good condition. The road along the Southern Pacific from Longfellow to Marathon is only a burro trail, never having been worked and people traveling are advised to omit this strip from their plans if touring for pleasure for there is no satisfaction, not to say pleasure, in smashing springs and tearing up an auto. The general route taken by autos from San Antonio to El Paso is west along the Southern Pacific to Uvalde, thence to Barksdale and Rock Springs, Sonora, Ozona, Sheffield, Stockton, Alpine and thence along the highway to El Paso. This route has been worked all along and is, especially in Crockett and Pecos counties, very good roads. Our route, however, took us from Longfellow to Sanderson on account of a broken spring at which place it was repaired and another which had been wired for received so we were well equipped from there on for springs. From Sanderson it is impossible to get east along the Southern Pacific on account of the Pecos, the only wagon bridge being at Sheffield, seventy-five miles north and east and forty-five miles to Ozona. Arriving at Ozona at noon the 23rd of October the first man we met was Uncle Bill Barfield who came in from San Angelo the day before to visit his daughter, Mrs. Walter Childress. Ozona is the largest and richest town not on a railway in Texas and probably the entire west. The town has electric lights and power and nearly all residences are modern and well kept. To Sonora from Ozona was covered that afternoon and it was over a road recently graded with one of the large grading machines that roll the grade to a hard road. This grade extended for twenty miles and was run in an hour by the little Buick, but the balance of the twenty-five miles was not so good. The people of this county are enthusiastic for good roads and even the children boast of "our roads."

The night of the 23rd was spent with the family of Mr. Ross, old friends in Sonora and the sixty-five miles to Rock Springs made before noon next day. Much wool is being hauled from Sonora to Kerrville over this road it being 150 miles of a haul, but the big freight wagons roll along at a rate of over thirty miles per day. Rock Springs is one word and not two as many suppose for the local paper uses it that way and it must be right. The town takes its name from a small seep that will probably yield a bucket of water a day but from the way the rocks spring at the fenders of the car we are of the opinion the name is derived from the spring in the rocks. Water is found at 400 feet and the town has water works. The town is eighty-five miles from Uvalde or Kerrville the nearest railways and has an elevation of 2,700 feet. Kerrville being due east and Uvalde south, down the Nueces. Here we spent twenty-four hours with the cousins, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and various other of the kin folks of the local editor of the Current, among them Frank Sweeten who is a big ranch owner, also Mrs. Bob Sweeten and daughters. Here the San Antonio morning paper arrives at

four p. m. From Rock Springs the journey took us to Barksdale, down the canyon road leading to Nueces canyon. Enroute down the canyon we met J. D. Ogle formerly of Carlsbad, who, with his family, resides ten miles from Barksdale and is freighting at present, though he went to that country to work a last cave known as "Devil's Sink Hole" some five miles from Rock Springs. Mr. Ogle has bought a little farm home and seems to be doing well. Barksdale is one of the live inland towns of Edwards county and the county boasts of more angoras than any other county on earth, but stomach worms and thieves have been working on the oaks until it is said the county has less goats than for many years. The country is very hilly and full of brush, farming being carried on as a side issue only. Here we were royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Wallace, Mrs. W. being a sister of the boss. After a couple of days rest, Mr. Wallace who is the main merchant of the town, brought out his big Hudson car and all hands rode down to Uvalde and from there to Carrizo Springs. The roads from Barksdale to Uvalde are good considering that it is a mountainous section. The crossings of the big river the Nueces have concrete in places while it is planned to have the concrete fords at all crossings. These crossings are far superior to bridges and would be ideal for the Pecos at Carlsbad. The Nueces is fed by springs and flows continuously so it is similar to the Pecos. The floods of the Nueces are about the same as the Pecos, but the people experience but little inconvenience from waiting for them to recede as when it is raining there is no travel necessary. Concrete is used south of Uvalde also at the road crossings over the Nueces and will no doubt become general all over the west. Our destination being Carrizo Springs, Dimmett county, we remained there for ten days taking in the surroundings. Hundreds of pumping plants are chugging along night and day in the vicinity of the town to lift water from 100 to 200 feet to irrigate strawberries which are being set now and which commence to ripen in January, there being little or no frost in winter here. The plan of raising strawberries is to set the plants each season, one acre in twenty being irrigated during the summer and the balance plowed up and planted to corn or other crops grown in the summer. The acre held over is transplanted on many acres about October 15, and the strawberries commence to ripen the last of January. The big pastures hereabouts abound in deer or five white tail species, also javelins or wild hares. The little hunting and are guarded no one being allowed to hunt without a permit. Had it not been for the fact that our daughter had cousins who had pastures we would not have had a chance to hunt but as it was we only saw three deer and got none. Here we met Eugene Buck, the ex-sheriff who was captured by the Mexican smugglers and his companion officer shot. Having been an old friend of his father he was pleased to meet us and showed us every courtesy. He stated he was permanently disabled by the terrible usage he received, but, owing to having saved enough while young to provide during declining years, he was able to live comfortably. Mr. Buck has retired and lives a quiet life in a nice residence in Carrizo Springs where the best lemon tree loaded with fruit was seen. He has a sister in Carlsbad, Mrs. Tom Higgins, and a brother near Artesia, Mr. Jim Buck. The pastures of Dimmett county are as bare as the roads and the live stock live in good shape on prickly pear and brush. The elevation being but 500 feet and the climate hot it is almost impossible for people from this section to exercise without perspiring freely, the change from this northern section of 3,100 feet elevation being too great for comfort. Many old timers who formerly lived in this section were met, among them John Coalson, who is an old friend of "Jake" Owen. After the visit with the J. L. McCaleb and Barnes families, at Carrizo Springs, we returned to Barksdale and on Saturday the 6th attended a picnic on the Nueces, a description of which was given in the Rock Springs Leader as follows:

Family Reunion. Saturday, within a few miles of Vance, the family of L. V. Wallace and nephew, Johnnie Rex Sweeten, of Uvalde, Wm. H. Mullane, wife and little daughter, Mary, met Johnnie Coalson, wife and Miss Dimple, Chas. Moore, wife and two children, Roy and Juana, Mrs. Quinnie Hightower, Fae, Dimple Dee and little son; George Chapman and B. Caldwell. The picnic spread was one of the best that could be provided, consisting of two dressed turkeys, fried chicken, roast pig, salads, pickles, a variety of cakes and pies and hot coffee. The meeting was in honor of the Mullane family, who left for the home Sunday here, then they journeyed on their way to their home in Carlsbad, New Mex. The trip home was made in company with Mr. H. R. "Colorado" McDonald, of Hope, who was coming this way and whom we joined at Ozona. The time coming home was two and a half days from Barksdale. We found Mr. Mac pleasant company and can commend him highly as a traveling companion. He continued on to his ranch north of Hope.